Air Service between Delhi and Mangalore

2. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce either a direct or a hopping flight on Delhi-Mangalore or Delhi-Mumbai-Mangalore sector;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by Government.

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3. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided in August, 2002 to open the aviation infrastructure to foreign direct investment;

(b) if so, the specific proposals cleared in this regard;

(c) whether there was a proposal to hand over the four metro airports to lessors; and

(d) if so, the progress made in this regard?